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Excise.

Licensee of European liquor shop.

*2388 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: With reference to the answer to my question No. 1980 given on 12th July 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to give the name, position, antecedents and whereabouts of the licensee of the European liquor shop who has the privilege of renewal of his licence?

A.—The Government have called for the information.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"Now that the Council is going to be dissolved soon, if the information is obtained will it be supplied to me demi-officially?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO:—"It is a suggestion for action. However, the matter will be considered."

Appointment of Sub-Inspectors in the Excise Department.

*2389 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN: With reference to question No. 2244 answered at the meeting dated 17th July 1926, will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of applications that were received for the post of Excise Sub-Inspectors from the members of the depressed classes while only four were appointed?

A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clause (a) of question No. 2244 given on 17th July 1926.

Corporation of Madras.

Alleged use of cremation ground at Otari as a place of public resort, etc.

*2390 Q.—Rao Sahib R. SRINIVASAN: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the burial and cremation ground at Otari, a suburb of Madras, is used as a place of public resort by its neighbouring people and their clothes are washed on grave stones;

(b) whether it is a fact that all burial and cremation grounds within the boundary of the Madras Corporation are opened for people to trespass and cattle and pigs to tread on graves and cremation yards;

(c) whether the Government propose to build parapet walls around the burial-grounds and high walls around the cremation yards within the boundary of the Madras Corporation; and

(d) whether burial-grounds set apart for depressed classes are not congested with graves?

A.—(a), (b) & (d) Information has been called for.

(c) There is no such proposal.